

THE Commissioners appointed by the King, for the Sale of Lands in the Islands of Grenada, the Grenadines, St. Vincent, Dominica, and Tobago, and for adjusting and settling with the French Inhabitants of St. Vincent and Dominica, the Terms and Conditions on which his Majesty has been graciously pleased to direct that the said Inhabitants may become British Subjects, and remain in Possession of the cleared Lands they occupied at the Time of the Surrender of the said Islands, &c. &c. being informed that some Misapprehensions and Doubts have arisen concerning the Tenor and Meaning of the said Terms, the Commissioners, the better to enable the said Inhabitants clearly to comprehend the same, have directed the subsequent Abstract, taken from his Majesty's Instructions, to be translated into French, and dispersed in the said Island.

Abstract of the Terms and Conditions contained in his Majesty's Instructions, relative to the French Inhabitants of the Island of St. Vincent and Dominica.

THE native Caribbees of St. Vincent are permitted to remain undisturbed in their Cottages and Grounds, and the French Inhabitants in that Island and Dominica are encouraged to continue on the Lands which they have cleared, and to enjoy their Possessions, by Virtue of Leases under the Crown in the following Manner, and subject to the following Conditions, that is to say: The Lessee is to take the Oaths of Allegiance, and make and subscribe the Declaration of Abjuration; he is to hold by his Lease only such cleared Lands, as he was at the Surrender of those Islands, and still is possessed of, excepting where his very great Convenience makes some small Alterations necessary, in which Case small Parcels of contiguous Lands may be added and comprised therein as the Commissioner shall judge reasonable. In Cases where Lands were held before the late Peace by several French Proprietors jointly, some of whom are since retired from them, the said Lands are to be severed into Parts, and Indulgence shown in the Division to those who are contented to remain and receive their Portions. But the Lands which have been occupied by religious Societies are not included within the Meaning of these Provisions, nor included in the same Favour, but are to be otherwise disposed of. And if any French Inhabitant there happens to be, who has occupied more than Five Hundred Acres of Land, as above described, in St. Vincent, or Three Hundred in Dominica, his Possessions are to be reduced to those Numbers. Neither the Lessee, or any Part of the Lands thereby demised, are assignable to any other Person, without a Licence first had from the Governor-General, and the Approbation of the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations: And a Covenant is also to be inferred in the Lease, that the Lessee shall reside at least one Half of the Year, in the Island where the Lands lie. If it shall be found necessary to appropriate to public Uses, cleared Lands in the Possession of any French Inhabitant, he shall be paid for any Buildings, or Improvements thereon by fair Appraisement, and be allotted uncleared Lands in lieu of his cleared Lands to be appropriated as above-mentioned.

Under the Restrictions, and with these Conditions, Leases, to be signed by the Commissioners, and passed under the Seal of the Islands, may be granted for the Terms of fourteen, twenty-one, thirty-two, or forty Years, at the Option of the Lessee, or (if he prefer it) for fourteen Years, renewable at the pleasure of the Lessee for a further Number of Years, not exceeding forty in the whole. And, in Consideration hereof, certain Fines are to be paid down and Quit-rents referred to the Crown, according to the Nature and Circumstances of the Case. But if any French Inhabitants shall not be disposed to occupy the Land he has already cleared, upon the Terms of the Lease required of him, he will be permitted to take up uncleared Lands, unincumbered with those Terms, to be allotted him by the Commissioners, in lieu of the former, and be moreover paid for the Buildings thereon, by fair Appraisement.

Notice is hereby given, that the Commissioners intend to repair, with all convenient Speed, first to the Island of St. Vincent, and from thence to Dominica, in order to determine in each Island the several Matters which are to be settled with the said Inhabitants, in Conformity with the above Instructions: And moreover, in order to facilitate and expedite such Settlement, the said Inhabitants are required previously to prepare, and have in Readiness to be given in, to the said Commissioners on their arrival, a full and exact Account of the following Particulars.

- I. The Number and Names of all white Persons, and of all other free Persons in each Family.
- II. The Number, Names, and Ages of the able Slaves and others belonging to each Family.
- III. A descriptive Account of the cleared Lands possessed and occupied by each Family, expressing the Number of Acres, or Extent which the same consists of, what Parts thereof are under particular Culture, and with what planted; also a Description of the Buildings and Improvements thereon.
- IV. The Determinations of the said Inhabitants with Regard to the Terms and Conditions explained in the preceding Abstract, declaring which of the Alternatives offered, they severally prefer, in order to become British Subjects, and enjoy the Privileges and Advantages of that free and happy Government.

And, lest any improper Insinuations should be used to alarm or prejudice the said Inhabitants, it is declared, that such Information is required with no other View, than to enable the Commissioners the more easily and speedily to settle the Business that is to be concluded with them.

It may not however be improper particularly to explain, that no Bargain or Agreement whatever can be subsisted, which any of the said Inhabitants may have made or entered into with other Persons, respecting Lands or Houses, since the Time of the Surrender of the said Islands; nor will any Allowance be granted for Improvements of any kind, made in consequence of such unwarrantable Proceedings. All Lands and Houses (excepting the Town Lots granted by Go-

vernors Dabrymple, at Charlestown, in the Island of Dominica) which shall not be judged by the said Commissioners to be subject to belong to French Inhabitants occupying the same, will be the Property of the King, and disposed of according to his Majesty's royal Instructions.

By Direction of the Commissioners,
JOHN GREGG, Sec.

ANNAPOLIS, April 17, 1765.

To be SOLD, for ready Money or short Credit, A COMPLETE Rhado-Island made Bel lows Top CHAISE and HARNESS almost new, and large enough for two Horses, but has commonly been used with one.

Also a good Road and Chaise HORSE. For Terms apply to
(3rd) 2 HENRY CATON.

HENRY GASSAWAY.

BEING now Removed from the City of Annapolis, to a very pleasant situated Place, within the Distance of one Quarter of a Mile from the said City, Gives this general Notice to all his Friends, That he still Keeps Entertainment for them as usual. He will Lodge Jurymen of the Provincial and County Courts, cheaper than they can Lodge in Town, and will also Board Gentlemen by the Year. He likewise takes this Opportunity of returning his Thanks to all his Friends, both in Town and Country, for their past Favours, and hopes for their Favours for the Time to come. Those who will please to continue their Friendship, will meet with kind Usage, and good Entertainment, from *their very humble Servant,*

(5th) 3 HENRY GASSAWAY.
N. B. I have exceeding fine Pastures for Horses, and will take them at a cheap Rate.

To be SOLD at PUBLIC VENDUE, on Monday the 2d of June next, at the Dwelling House of Mr. Nathaniel Cleave in Queen-Anne's County, near the Premises,

TWO Thousand Acres of LAND, lying on the Branches of Choptank River, in the County aforesaid, (the Estate of Capt. Matthew Dockery, lately Deceased,) whereon are some small Improvements, the Whole very well Timber'd, and great Quantities of very valuable Meadow may be made thereon. It is convenient to several Landings in Kent County on Delaware, where it will be left when the Provincial Boundaries are established. It will be sold either in Lots or together, as may best suit the Purchasers; and any Money will be taken in Payment, and reasonable Time given (on Security, if required). For Terms and Title, apply to THOMAS RINGGOLD, Chester-Town; or SOLOMON WRIGHT, in Queen-Anne's County; to whom any Person inclining to purchase before the Vendue, may apply.

All Persons having Demands against the Estate of Capt. Matthew Dockery, Deceased, are desired to make their Claims known to,

(6th) A SOLOMON WRIGHT.

RAN away from the Subscriber, in Northumberland County, Virginia, a Convict Servant Man named James Irwing, imported last May from London into Patowmack, by the Trial, Capt. McGachin. He is a stout swarthy looking old Fellow, pretends to have been many Years Boatwain of a Ship, and seems to understand the Business very well. Had on a close Pea Jacket and Breeches of coarse blue Cloth, with black Horn Buttons and lapelled Breasts (tho' he has probably other Cloaths with him) looks almost as dark as an Indian, and wears his own black curly Hair, a good deal mix'd with grey. He and another Sailor from the Virginian, in Wicomico River, stole a Canoe, and were since seen on the Tangier Islands, on their Way up the Bay. It is imagined they will push for Philadelphia; tho' Irwing pretended he was born in Maryland, and had a Right to some Land and Negroes in Somerset County. The other Sailor is a tight well looking little Man, and pretended also to be a Boatwain. Whoever apprehends the said Irwing, and so secures him that he may be had again, shall have Three Pistoles Reward; and if brought home, or on board the said Ship, Five Pistoles, paid by

(1st) 5 DAVID GALLOWAY.

N. B. They will probably endeavour to get on board some Vessel outward bound: All Masters are forewarned from taking Irwing at their Peril.

JUST IMPORTED in the Ship JANE, Capt. COULSON, from LONDON, and to be SOLD at my Store in BALTIMORE-TOWN,

VARIETY of EUROPEAN and EAST-INDIA GOODS, Cheesbire and Gloucester Airedale Cheeses, Pickles of all Kinds, &c. &c. &c.

I have likewise for Sale, lately imported, a Quantity of very good Molasses in Hogheads and Tierces, Pyral and Teneriffe WINES in Quarter Cases, West-India RUM and Mulcavado SUGARS in Hogheads and Barrels, fine tripe pickled and dried SALMON, to be disposed of on the most reasonable Terms, for ready Money, by

JOHN STEVENSON.
N. B. Gold, Silver, or Paper Money, for Bills.

HEMP-SEED,

JUST Imported from London, in the *Jane*, Capt. COULSON, is to be Sold at a Pittole a Bushel, Ready Money; and may be had of Mr. Benjamin Berry, at Upper-Marlborough, or of

(1st) CHARLES DIGGES.

TO BE SOLD.

ALARGE SCHOONER FLAT, which will carry about 40 or 50 Hogheads of Tobacco, now lying in the Dock at Annapolis. Enquire of STEWART and RICHARDSON.

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TO BE SOLD.

A CONVICT SERVANT WOMAN, who has near 7 Years to serve. She can Sew, Wash and Iron, very well, is a sober, and an exceeding handy, Woman. Enquire at the Printing-Office.

WHEREAS one JOHN HUNT, who left England, and in the Year 1748 lived in St. Paul's Parish, Baltimore County, Maryland, as a Saddler, and removed to Westfane Parish in the same County; from thence, 'tis said, he went to Cumberland in Georgia, and from thence to St. Augustine; and in January, 1764, as it is also said, he ordered a Cargo of Goods from London, to be directed to Messrs. Rarion and Regitt in St. Augustine, to be left with Messrs. Hoopers and Swadlow, in Charles-Town, South-Carolina: If the said John Hunt be still Alive, and will apply to the Subscriber, living in Baltimore-Town, Maryland, he will hear of Something to his Advantage. If he is Dead, which is most likely, any Person that will bring a proper Certificate of his Death to the Subscriber, shall receive a REWARD of FIVE GUINEAS.

(12th) JOHN MERRYMAN, junior.

CLISH, near ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA.

January 31, 1765.

To be SOLD at PUBLIC VENDUE, by the Subscriber, Executor of the Last Will and Testament of John Colvill, Gentleman, deceased, and pursuant to the said Will, on the 8th Day of May next ensuing, at the House of Mr. Arthur Charlton, in Frederick-Town, in Frederick County, Maryland, for Sterling Money, Bills of Exchange, or Current Money of Pennsylvania, Maryland, or Virginia, at the current Rates of Exchange.

A VERY valuable Tract of LAND called Merryland, containing 6300 Acres, being and lying in the said County of Frederick, along the lower Side of the Shanadoe Mountain, and the Banks of Patowmack River, within 12 or 13 Miles of the said Frederick-Town and Court-House, where great Trade and Business is carried on. It is very convenient for a Dutch Settlement, as many of those People live on the neighbouring Lands about it: Is well Wooded and Watered, and near to two large Iron-Works. It will be Sold all together, or in Parcels, as may best suit. A Year's Credit will be given for one Half of the Purchase Money (if desired) upon giving good Security, and paying Interest. A Plt of the said Tract will be left at the House of Mr. Charlton aforesaid, together with an authentick Copy of the Will of the said John Colvill.

N. B. The Subscriber will personally attend at Mr. Charlton's, about the Third Day of May, before the Sale, to produce the Patents and Papers necessary for the Satisfaction of any Person concerned.

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